

# TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

## DAVID DYCE BROWN,

M.A., M.D., C.M.,

Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the  
University of Aberdeen,

HONORARY PHYSICIAN-ACCOUCHEUR TO THE ABERDEEN "LADIES' FUND"  
LYING-IN CHARITY; PHYSICIAN TO THE ABERDEEN DISPENSARY;

FORMERLY

FELLOW OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
MATERIA MEDICA IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN; RESIDENT  
SURGEON-ACCOUCHEUR TO THE BIRMINGHAM GENERAL  
DISPENSARY; JUNIOR HOUSE SURGEON TO THE  
SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOSPITAL.



*To the Right Hon. R. A. CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary  
of State for the Home Department.*

SIR,—I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the vacant Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

In support of my claims I may state that, ever since I was a Student, I have made a special study of this department, and that such is the case is well known in Aberdeen. I am in my 35th year. I graduated as Master of Arts in 1859, and as Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery, in 1863.

Immediately after my graduation, I gained the appointment of Junior House-Surgeon to the South Staffordshire Hospital. This I held for a year, after which I gained the appointment of Resident Surgeon-Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary, at which Institution the average number of cases was about 500 per annum. This post I sought specially with a view to qualify myself more fully in this department.

Soon after settling in Aberdeen in 1865, I was appointed Medical Officer to the Aberdeen County Prison, and in the following year I was appointed one of the Physicians to the Aberdeen Dispensary and Lying-in Institution, which post I have held up to the present time. I also held the post of Assistant-Professor of Materia Medica in this University for two years. In 1865, I was elected a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London. Four years ago, I was chosen Physician-accoucheur to the Aberdeen "Ladies' Fund" Lying-in Charity.

I also have contributed a number of papers on Obstetric and other subjects to the various Medical Journals and to the

Medical Societies in Aberdeen. A list of these I append to my Testimonials.

In further support of my claims, I take the liberty of forwarding Testimonials which I have received.

Should I have the honour to be appointed to the Chair, I shall always do my utmost to discharge its important duties to the very utmost of my ability.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

D. DYCE BROWN.

ABERDEEN, *April 8th*, 1875.

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# TESTIMONIALS.

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## FIRST SERIES.

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### I.

*The following Testimonial from Students attending the Aberdeen Dispensary was proffered unasked:—*

To D. DYCE BROWN, Esq., M.D.

WE, the undersigned, Students of Medicine, hearing that you intend to offer yourself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, now vacant in the University of Aberdeen, and having the highest appreciation for your talents as an Obstetrician, and an unbounded admiration for the untiring patience with which you have endeavoured to instruct those of us who have had the privilege of being under your tuition at the Aberdeen Dispensary, feeling that no one could be found more eminently qualified for the vacancy than yourself, beg to offer you this Testimonial, together with our best wishes for your success.

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed)

JOHN A. L. STEPHEN.  
WILLIAM FORD EDGELOW.  
GEORGE HENRY SMITH.  
H. N. V. HARINGTON.  
J. C. HUXLEY.  
W. H. ATHERSTONE.  
J. H. JENKINS.  
A. P. TORRY ANDERSON.  
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ROBERT WM. BURNET.  
HENRY M. SHAND.  
WILLIAM A. VICE.  
WILLIAM JENKINS COOPER.  
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BASIL RONALD.  
THOMAS J. COMPTON.  
ALBERT WESTLAND.  
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*Testimonials from Members of the Profession resident  
in Aberdeen and Neighbourhood:—*

II.

*From R. BEVERIDGE, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.S.E., &c., Lecturer on  
Clinical Medicine, and Physician to the Royal Infirmary.*

I have been acquainted with Dr. Dyce Brown for several years, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his professional skill and acquirements. To Obstetric Medicine especially he has devoted himself for a considerable time, and has acquired a reputation for his extensive practical acquaintance with this branch of the profession.

R. BEVERIDGE.

Aberdeen, April 5, 1875.

III.

*From DAVID KERR, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., Surgeon to the  
Royal Infirmary.*

Aberdeen, 7th April, 1875.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the character and professional acquirements of Dr. Brown; they are of a superior order, and highly qualify him for the Chair of Midwifery in our University, for which he is a candidate. I shall rejoice to hear of his appointment.

DAVID KERR.

IV.

*From ARCHIBALD REITH, Esq., M.D., Late Physician to the  
Royal Infirmary.*

39, Union Place, Aberdeen, 7th April, 1875.

MY DEAR DR. BROWN,

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your abilities as an Accoucheur. I have had frequent opportunities, in our mutual consultations at different cases, of observing how thoroughly you had mastered that branch of the profession, and the skill and readiness you exhibited when operative interference was necessary. Others must speak of the varied opportunities you possessed of perfecting yourself in Obstetric practice, prior to my acquaintance with you; but an intimacy, extending more or less over ten or twelve years, has satisfied me that you have made the

most of your advantages, such, I believe, as not many have enjoyed. I consider you fully qualified by education and practice to occupy a Chair of Midwifery.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

ARCH. REITH.

V.

*From* FRANCIS OGSTON, Jun., Esq., M.D., *Assistant-Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Aberdeen.*

156, Union Street, 5th April, 1875.

I have much pleasure in stating my belief that Dr. Dyce Brown is well fitted for the duties of the Midwifery Chair of this University, for which he is a Candidate.

He has devoted much of his time to the study of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women, and has had, during his connection with the Dispensary, full opportunity of fitting himself for the equally necessary part, that of teaching students, which he has done to the satisfaction of all who have been under him.

I can also bear testimony to his skill in Operative Midwifery.

F. OGSTON, JUN.

VI.

*From* HENRY JACKSON, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.S.E.

19, Golden Square, Aberdeen, March 5, 1875.

Dr. David Dyce Brown having given me to understand that he is a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, now vacant, in our University, and having known him ever since he commenced the practice of his profession in this city—about nine years ago—I can testify that he has devoted a good deal of attention to this branch of Medical Science, as appeared from numerous papers which he read before the Medical Society here, on different points connected with this subject.

I also feel convinced that he not only possesses a competent knowledge of the literature of the subject, but that he can also form, and advocate, an independent opinion, when facts appear to him to warrant it.

Before commencing practice here, he spent one year as Resident Accoucheur in the Birmingham Lying-in Hospital, and on this



extensive field of observation opportunities of no ordinary kind were afforded him of acquiring a pretty extensive knowledge of this subject ; and from what I know of him, I have no hesitation in stating that these opportunities had been fully taken advantage of. He has thus, in my opinion, established a fair claim to consideration at the hands of those with whom the filling up of this important appointment rests.

HENRY JACKSON.

## VII.

*From* ALEXANDER FORBES, Esq., M.D., C.M.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have been for several years acquainted with Dr. David Dyce Brown, that he is a gentleman of very scholarly attainments, not only in Medicine, but also in General Literature. In the various Medical Sciences his knowledge is extensive and thorough, and he is an acute and accurate observer of disease, and very skilful in its treatment.

He has applied a large portion of his time to Obstetrics, and thoroughly understands the subject in all its bearings. His mode of address is concise and fluent ; he possesses in an eminent degree the knack of conveying his knowledge to others ; and, from what I know of him, I am confident that few could be found better qualified than he in every way to fill the position for which he is now a candidate.

ALEXANDER FORBES.

13, North Silver Street, Aberdeen, 5th April, 1875.

## VIII.

*From* C. M. MACQUIBBAN, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.S.E., *Assistant-Surgeon, Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.*

248, Union Street, Aberdeen, 6th April, 1875.

It affords me much pleasure to testify to the high opinion I have of Dr. David Dyce Brown as an Accoucheur, and a gentleman well informed in the various diseases of Women and Children. From the opportunities he has had in Lying-in-Hospitals in the South, and his general practice here, I am sure, if he be appointed to the Chair of Midwifery in this University, he will discharge the duties in a very efficient manner, and those whom he instructs will learn their profession well by his teaching and training.

C. M. MACQUIBBAN.

## IX.

*From* JAMES MOIR, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng.

36, Union Place, Aberdeen, 5th April, 1875.

DR. DAVID DYCE BROWN,

DEAR SIR,

From what I know and have heard of your acquaintance with the subjects connected with Midwifery, I think you highly qualified for discharging the duties of Professor of Midwifery at Aberdeen University.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

JAMES MOIR.

## X.

*From* JAMES WALKER, Esq., M.B., C.M.

April 6th, 1875.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I, an old pupil of Dr Dyce Brown, avail myself of this opportunity to offer my testimony as to his professional attainments and abilities, but more especially with regard to that particular branch to which he has devoted so much time and attention, viz., Midwifery, and Diseases of Women and Children. In this department I know him to be particularly successful as a teacher among the students who place themselves under him at the Aberdeen Dispensary ; and while attending that Institution under his tuition, I gained more information and acquaintance of these subjects from him than from all other sources collectively.

Having had considerable experience of the careful and painstaking manner in which Dr. Brown imparts to his pupils his information, and knowing what have been the results of his teaching, how they have almost always been more than usually successful, I feel sure that, with a larger field in which to exercise his special acquirements, his success as a teacher would be still more marked.

JAMES WALKER.

Balmoral Place, Aberdeen.

## XI.

*From* JAMES D. WYNESS, Esq., M.D., C.M.

53, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, 7th April, 1875.

Dr. David Dyce Brown has requested me to certify as to his fitness for the Chair of Midwifery, now vacant in our University. I have no hesitation in stating my opinion as to his fitness for this appointment. I believe him to be a man holding clear and decided views on medical matters, and possessing the power of expressing them with vigour and clearness. He has had many opportunities of acquiring a thorough knowledge of this subject, both here and elsewhere, as I have no doubt will be abundantly certified by others; and it is my opinion that he would exert himself to discharge the duties of this office in the most efficient manner.

JAMES D. WYNESS.

## XII.

*From* JAMES BURR, Esq., L.R.C.P.E., & L.F.P.S. Glasgow.

4, Castle Terrace, Aberdeen, 6th April, 1875.

DEAR DR. DYCE BROWN,—I have pleasure in certifying that I have been acquainted with you during your whole course of study, literary as well as scientific.

You have always been a laborious and successful student, and, since becoming a practitioner, you have given much time and study to Medical Science in all its branches; but, especially, in Aberdeen and elsewhere, you have been distinguished in Midwifery.

If you are fortunate enough in securing the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, it will afford much gratification to your numerous friends in the medical profession.

I am, Dear Dr. Brown,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BURR.



## XIII.

*From* ROBERT RATTRAY, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S. England, *Resident Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary.*

Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, 4th April, 1875.

DR. DAVID DYCE BROWN.

MY DEAR SIR,—Although I have been already called on to certify the qualifications of other candidates for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in our University, I do not hesitate to comply with your request to give my opinion of your fitness for that important appointment. You have been thoroughly educated at both the Arts and Medical Classes of the University, and throughout the whole period of your studies there you occupied a high place among your class-fellows. Whilst attending the practice of this Hospital, I had good opportunity of observing your diligence and zeal in prosecuting your professional studies; and since you engaged in practice you have had excellent opportunities of adding to your school acquirements the important information derived from practical experience.

Whilst you held the situation of Resident Surgeon-Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary, and more recently as Medical Officer of the General Dispensary here, the practice of Midwifery has formed a considerable part of your professional employment, and I am sure that the experience you have thus had in this department of Medicine you are competent to make use of, either as a practitioner or teacher.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. RATTRAY.

## XIV.

*From* JOHN S. M'ROBBIE, Esq., M.D., C.M.

Aberdeen, 8th April, 1875.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have known Dr. Dyce Brown for more than ten years. I am well aware that during that time he has given especial attention to the study of Obstetrics; and, as I have had every opportunity of judging of his knowledge in that branch of Medicine, I can with confidence affirm that he is highly qualified to fill the post of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, for which I understand he is a candidate, with credit to himself and honour to the University.

JOHN S. M'ROBBIE.

## XV.

*From* PATRICK WATT, M.D., C.M.

79, Broad Street, Aberdeen, 6th April, 1875.

I have great pleasure in certifying to Dr. D. Dyce Brown's professional knowledge of Obstetrics. He is thoroughly acquainted with that branch of the profession both in theory and practice, able to act with decision when required, as well as to impart instruction to others. I believe he would be a most efficient occupant of the Chair for which he is a candidate.

PATRICK WATT.

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## XVI.

*From* CHARLES W. IRVINE, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng.

Pitmedden Village, Udney, 7th April, 1875.

As I understand you are a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, perhaps you will kindly allow me, though unacquainted with you personally, to send you my best wishes for your success. From the special attention you have all along devoted to this department, and from the experience you have had both in Birmingham and since coming to Aberdeen, and also from my own knowledge, and what I have heard from others well qualified to give an opinion, I have no hesitation in saying that you are in every way well able to fill the Chair.

It will afford me the greatest pleasure to hear that you have got the appointment.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. W. IRVINE.

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## XVII.

*From* WM. BURNES LESLIE, Esq., M.D., C.M., *Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London.*

Stonehaven, April 6th, 1875.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high acquirements of Dr. Dyce Brown, who is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery.

I have known him for the last ten or twelve years, and during that period have had many opportunities of judging of his excellent qualifications.

I am confident that, if he is elected, he will prove a highly successful teacher.

WM. BURNES LESLIE.

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*Testimonials from Members of the Profession  
at a distance.*

XVIII.

*From FURNEAUX JORDAN, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, and Professor of Surgery at Queen's College, Birmingham.*

*April 6th, 1875.*

Dr. Dyce Brown's position in Birmingham, formerly, and in Aberdeen, of late years, enable me to speak of him in high terms. His experience, ability, and industry give him great claims to the position he seeks to fill.

FURNEAUX JORDAN.

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XIX.

*From EDWARD MACKEY, Esq., M.D., London, M.R.C.P., Physician to the Queen's and to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, and Professor of Materia Medica in Queen's College.*

Dr. Dyce Brown is well remembered in Birmingham, not only for his genial personal qualities, but for the excellent manner in which he performed the duties of Surgeon Accoucheur in the large practice of our General Dispensary.

As I had the advantage of assisting him for a time, I can sincerely testify to his careful and successful management of cases, and to his constant interest in, and cultivation of, obstetric knowledge at the time referred to, upwards of ten years ago.

I have since known him by repute, as an able and esteemed practitioner in Aberdeen, and have read with interest various able monographs by him on professional subjects.



There can be no doubt that Dr. Dyce Brown is fully qualified to fill the University Chair of Midwifery with distinction and success.

EDWARD MACKEY.

Queen's College, April 6, 1875.

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XX.

*From WILLIAM ANDERSON, Esq., M.D., &c., late Resident Physician, and Medical Tutor, Birmingham General Hospital.*

The Little Green, Richmond, Surrey, 6th April, 1875.

I am rejoiced to hear that Dr. Dyce Brown is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen, and I know no man more likely to fill the post with honour and credit to himself and the University.

I have known Dr. Brown intimately for more than ten years, and have always looked upon him as a first-rate authority upon obstetrical subjects. His well-known writings and able researches entitle him to the highest consideration of the profession in that department of medical science. With regard to his practical ability I can speak from special personal experience, having had the advantage of seeing him perform, with rare skill, several important and critical operations, and successfully conduct cases of great difficulty during the time he was connected with one of the largest fields of midwifery practice in this kingdom.

Dr. Brown's amiable manners, cultivated tastes, and gentlemanly conduct, could not fail to make him a general favourite with all connected with the University of Aberdeen.

WM. ANDERSON.

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XXI.

*From W. ARTHUR BRACEY, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., &c., Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.*

Birmingham, April 7, 1875.

During Dr. Dyce Brown's residence at the Birmingham Dispensary I had ample opportunity for forming an opinion as to his professional ability. I considered him to be a highly educated and skilful practitioner.

The large field for midwifery practice afforded by the Institution was not lost by Dr. Brown, and I believe that by his diligence he obtained great experience as an Accoucheur.

W. ARTHUR BRACEY.

## XXII.

*From* J. GIBBS BLAKE, Esq., M.D., London, &c.

24, Bennett's Hill, Birmingham.

During Dr. Dyce Brown's stay in Birmingham I had frequent opportunities of forming an opinion upon his capabilities as a practitioner, and his desire to master the minutest details of his profession.

His work at the Dispensary here was highly appreciated, and its large experience, joined with that of more recent work, cannot fail to afford abundant material to point his teaching with practical wisdom.

J. GIBBS BLAKE.

*April 6th, 1875.*

## XXIII.

*From* LOUIS R. CONNOR, Esq., M.B., C.M.

I have much pleasure in stating that I have known Dr. D. Dyce Brown for the last eight years. During my college career he was Assistant-Professor of Materia Medica at the Aberdeen University, and I, as well as my fellow-students, were greatly pleased with the masterly way he delivered his lectures. I understand he is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery at the University. I can confidently say that in my opinion there is no one better suited to fill such a responsible post. I assisted Dr. Brown at the Dispensary for nine months, during which time I had ample means of judging as to his ability in Obstetrics, he having assisted me in such cases on several occasions. I consider that he has a thorough knowledge of Midwifery, and Diseases of Women and Children. I have reason to be thankful to Dr. Brown for the great assistance he rendered me during my student life, and I hope he will succeed in getting the Professorship of Midwifery at the University of Aberdeen.

LOUIS R. CONNOR.

*Leicester, April 7th, 1875.*

## XXIV.

*From* R. E. M'CALMAN, Esq., M.B., C.M.

Having served under Dr. Dyce Brown for six months at the Aberdeen Dispensary, I have much pleasure in expressing my

opinion of his general and professional qualifications, now that he is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen University. In the department of Midwifery, Dr. Brown displayed a cool judgment, a quick perception, and a manual dexterity that produced the best and happiest results in those who were the subjects of his treatment, and that elicited my unqualified admiration. In the Diseases of Women and Children Dr. Brown was equally *au fait* and successful, whilst his attention to the smallest details affecting the comfort and convenience of his patients, careful analysis of disease, and the pains he took to impart instruction, created an ever-increasing appetite for further knowledge.

He will reflect lustre on the University Chair he desires to fill, and is well entitled to the suffrages of the Medical Profession:

R. E. M'CALMAN.

Tongue, Lairy, N.B., April 4, 1875.

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## XXV.

*From* THOMAS N. ORCHARD, Esq., M.B., C.M., *Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator, Salford Union, and Hon. Surgeon, Pendleton Ladies' Charity.*

It gives me much pleasure to hear that Dr. D. Brown is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

During my time of study in Aberdeen I acted as Dr. Brown's assistant at the General Dispensary, when I had frequent opportunity of observing the skill with which he treated his patients.

In a large obstetric practice connected with the Institution, I have often witnessed Dr. Brown's ability and skill in relieving serious cases of labour, requiring instrumental assistance, and in rectifying other complications connected with parturition, and I am sure that the reputation which Dr. Brown has achieved as an obstetric physician throughout the city of Aberdeen, has been the result of distinguished ability and well merited success. Besides having acted for some time as Assistant Professor of *Materia Medica*, Dr. Brown has contributed several valuable papers to medical literature; and judging from his scientific attainments, professional ability, and general culture, I feel confident that he will be able to fill the appointment that he now seeks, with credit to himself, with honour to the University, and with benefit to all those who may receive instruction from him.

THOMAS N. ORCHARD.

Pendleton, Manchester, April 6th, 1875.



## XXVI.

*From* VINCENT JACKSON, Esq., M.R.C.S., and L.S.A., *Senior Surgeon to the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, &c.*

46, Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.

I have very great pleasure in giving a Testimonial to Dr. Dyce Brown. Dr. Dyce Brown was House Physician at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital for a considerable period, and whilst resident in that Institution he performed his duties with much credit to himself and benefit to the patients.

During this period I saw much of Dr. Dyce Brown, and I consider that he possessed great energy, zeal, and ability.

After leaving our Hospital, Dr. Brown was appointed Accoucheur to the Birmingham Dispensary, a post of much importance, as giving an opportunity for obtaining a practical acquaintance with the art of Midwifery. From all I have heard, Dr. Brown well availed himself of this opportunity.

VINCENT JACKSON.

## XXVII.

*From* ROBERT T. COOPER, Esq., A.B., M.D., M.Ch.T.C.D., *late Resident Physician, General Lying-in Hospital, London.*

It gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to the high estimation in which Dr. Dyce Brown is held as an authority connected with the Obstetric art. His opinion in this department of the profession has the greatest weight, I have good reason for knowing, with a large number of London practitioners, myself among the number; and I believe him to be eminently qualified to undertake the duties pertaining to the Chair of Midwifery in any University.

The prosecution of original research in Medicine, as well as the literary ability and energy to keep pace with the progress of science, requires a mind of peculiar construction, and this I believe Dr. Dyce Brown to possess in every possible respect.

I feel certain that, should Dr. Brown be appointed to the Chair of Midwifery in the Aberdeen University, his appointment will add materially to the increasing reputation in which the University is being held, both here and on the Continent, and will help to maintain most thoroughly the proud distinction that the Scotch Schools of Medicine have acquired, of being the most modern and the most enlightened educational fields in Europe.

ROBERT T. COOPER.

6, Ladbroke Road, Notting Hill, W., 6th April, 1875.

## XXVIII.

*From* ROBERT E. DUDGEON, Esq., M.D.

53, Montagu Square, London, 6th April, 1875.

DEAR DR. DYCE BROWN,

I rejoice to hear that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen, and I believe that a fitter selection could not be made for that important post than yourself, and I have, from personal knowledge and from an acquaintance of your published works, the highest opinion of your intellectual capacity and professional skill.

Believe me,

Dear Dr. Dyce Brown,

Yours faithfully,

R. E. DUDGEON.

## XXIX.

*From* WALTER T. P. WOLSTON, Esq., M.B., M.R.C.S. *Eng.*,  
*Formerly Resident Physician, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.*

EDINBURGH 5th April, 1875.

Dr. D. Dyce Brown has been for some years well known to me as an earnest and accomplished Physician.

His writings evidence an amount of literary research and practical observations such as well become one who aspires to a professorial Chair, while his ability to lucidly express the point in hand—whether by stroke of pen or word of mouth—cannot fail to secure the attention of his audience.

If he be successful in obtaining the Chair of Midwifery for which he now applies, I am persuaded he will fill it in a manner which will at once ensure honour to the University of Aberdeen, satisfaction to the class, credit to himself, and the fullest justification of those who may elect him.

WALTER T. P. WOLSTON.

## XXX.

*From THOMAS R. LEADAM, L.R.C.P.E., and L.R.C.S. London.*

London, April 5, 1875.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very glad to hear that you are offering yourself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in your College, for which you are so eminently suited, and I am sure the University will gain if they accept you as their Professor. I wish I could help you personally, but cannot. I feel that you are gifted with every faculty that can make your canvass acceptable, and I wish you most heartily success.

Believe me,

Dear Dr. Dyce Brown,

Yours very faithfully,

THOMAS R. LEADAM.

Dr. DYCE BROWN, Aberdeen.

## XXXI.

*From WILLIAM V. DRURY, Esq., M.D., M.R.I.A., formerly  
Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Park  
Street School of Medicine, Dublin.*

7, Harley Street, Cavendish Square,  
London, W., April 6, 1875.

DEAR DR. BROWN,

I am glad to hear that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. Your general professional knowledge, your ability in teaching, but above all, your zeal which will stimulate you to make the greatest efforts for your credit, and that of the University, are to my mind very high qualifications, and will make your appointment a most satisfactory one. Wishing you every success,

I remain,

Dear Dr. Brown,

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM V. DRURY.

Dr. DYCE BROWN, Aberdeen.



## XXXII.

*From WILLIAM SHARP, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., Fellow of the Royal Med. and Chir. Society; one of the Medical Officers of Rugby School.*

Horton House, Rugby, April 6th, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,

I have known Dr. Dyce Brown some years, and have great pleasure in testifying to his talents and acquirement as a physician.

Should he be elected to the office of Professor of Midwifery in your University, I am fully persuaded that he will fulfill the duties of it exceedingly well, and with unwearied assiduity.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM SHARP.

## XXXIII.

*From E. H. RUDDOCK, Esq., M.D., &c.*

2, Finsbury Circus, London, April 6th, 1875.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to find that you are a Candidate for the Midwifery Chair in the Aberdeen University, and hope you will be successful in obtaining it, as you are eminently qualified by special study and practice to fill it usefully and honourably. My knowledge of you as a clear and effective writer and lecturer, together with the earnestness you bring to the discharge of all the work you undertake, gives me great confidence in seconding your election to the important post in question.

Truly yours,

E. H. RUDDOCK.

## XXXIV.

*From WILLIAM BAYES, Esq., M.D., Extra L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Eng.*

58, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W., 6th April, 1875.

I have great pleasure in adding my testimony to the great abilities of Dr. Dyce Brown, and to his special fitness for the post of Professor of Midwifery. He is eminently qualified for this post, both by his accomplishments in literature, and by his clinical experience; and I have no hesitation in saying that his election will reflect a lustre on the Chair of Midwifery of Aberdeen,

WILLIAM BAYES.

## XXXV.

*From* ALFRED C. POPE, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S. *Eng.*

Lee Road, London, S.E., *April 6th*, 1875.

DEAR DR. BROWN,

I have heard, with much pleasure, that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. I gladly avail myself of the opportunity the information I have received presents of expressing the confidence I feel that, should you be elected, the devotion you have always exhibited to Obstetric Medicine and Surgery, the success with which you have cultivated this branch of our profession, the capacity you have evinced for research, and the aptitude for teaching which has marked your career at the Aberdeen Dispensary, abundantly ensure your fulfilling with thorough efficiency the duties of the vacant Professorship.

With my very best wishes for your success,

I am,

Yours truly,

ALFRED C. POPE.

To D. D. BROWN, Esq., M.D., &c., Aberdeen.

## XXXVI.

*From* ARTHUR C. CLIFTON, M.R.C.S. *England.*

Northampton, *April 6*, 1875.

From what I know of Dr. D. Dyce Brown, of Aberdeen—his professional skill as an Obstetrician, and his teaching powers—I think him eminently qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery at the Aberdeen University.

ARTHUR C. CLIFTON.

## SECOND SERIES.

## XXXVII.

*From W. THOMSON CRABBE, Esq., F.R.C.S., &c., Physician to the  
Aberdeen Medical Mission Dispensary.*

It affords me no small pleasure to append the following as my opinion of Dr. D. Dyce Brown's qualifications for the professorial Chair of Midwifery, in the University of Aberdeen.

Without dilating on the professional status, the literary qualifications and tastes, the delicacy of feeling, and the power of influencing students—(points of great importance, especially in a Professor of Midwifery)—all of which Dr. Brown possesses in no ordinary degree, I would enlarge on Dr. Brown's special claim as one suitable to fill the Chair. Midwifery has all along been his department of special study and interest. For some time after taking his Degree, Midwifery received his undivided attention; and the appointment Dr. Brown then held gave him unusual facilities for gaining a thorough practical acquaintance with this important branch of medical study. Having been acquainted with Dr. Brown for several years, it has been my good fortune to know about his Midwifery practice, and from all I know personally, and from others, it is my opinion that, were Dr. Brown elected Professor, he would do credit to the University and himself, and occupy a position so long and ably filled by his late uncle, Dr Dyce.

W. THOMSON CRABBE.

22, Springbank Terrace, Aberdeen, 8th April, 1875.

## XXXVIII.

*From J. FORD ANDERSON, Esq., M.D., C.M., L.R.C.S.E., Senior  
Medical Officer, Haverstock Hill Provident Dispensary, &c., &c.*

28, Buckland Crescent, Belsize Park, London, April, 1875.

I knew Dr. David Dyce Brown as an able and successful student, and I have followed with interest his career as a Practitioner of Medicine. Although I consider him an accomplished



General Physician, his training and studies specially qualify him in the Obstetrical branch of his profession. He learned Midwifery under the eye of his late uncle, Dr. Dyce, Professor of Midwifery in Aberdeen. He was Resident Accoucheur in one of the largest Lying-in Institutions of Birmingham, and he has for 9 years practised Midwifery extensively in Aberdeen. During the last twelve years Dr. Brown has contributed frequently to Obstetric literature, and readers of the Medical Journals have become familiar with his name. He has shown by these writings, not only that he keeps abreast of the advances in his art, but also that he has considerable powers of observation and expression. I am confident that he could impart his zeal and knowledge to students, and that he would prove a distinguished acquisition to the University of Aberdeen, if he were appointed to the Chair of Midwifery.

J. FORD ANDERSON.

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XXXIX.

*From* ALEX. G. BURNES, Esq., M.B., C.M.

50, Green Street, Grosvenor Square, *April 8, 1875.*

As one of the students who formerly attended Dr. D. Dyce Brown, at the Dispensary, I retain a lively recollection of the efficient manner in which he was accustomed to explain carefully the many cases of Disease in Women and Children which came before us ; and, in common with many others, I feel that I owe chiefly to him my practical knowledge of Midwifery and allied subjects. I am therefore quite convinced that he is specially qualified to fill the vacant Midwifery Chair, both by his extended experience and by his special knowledge of the subject ; and it is with great pleasure that I bear testimony to his aptitude for such an appointment, which I trust he may gain.

ALEX. G. BURNES.

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XL.

*From* J. GARNER, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., *late Senior Resident Surgeon and Secretary to the Birmingham General Dispensary.*

I have much pleasure in stating that, during the time Dr. D. Dyce Brown held the office of Resident Surgeon-Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary, he performed the duties of that

office with exemplary zeal and efficiency, and to the entire satisfaction of the Committee and Medical Staff.

The appointment afforded Dr Brown a large amount of practical experience, which I know he turned to the best account.

J. GARNER.

95, Newhall Street, Birmingham,

8th April, 1875.

## XLI.

*From* GEORGE ELKINGTON, Esq., M.R.C.S., and L.S.A., *Senior Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.*

I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high professional attainments of my friend, Dr. D. Dyce Brown.

He was for sometime in charge of the Obstetric Department of the Birmingham General Dispensary, and whilst there I knew him intimately as a most zealous worker at that branch of his profession.

Dr. Dyce Brown has excellent abilities, great industry, earnestness of purpose, and aptitude for teaching; and will, I believe, if elected to the Chair of Midwifery, prove a most able and welcome addition to the professorial staff.

GEO. ELKINGTON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham, April 8, 1875.

## XLII.

*From* EDWARD WYNNE THOMAS, Esq., M.D. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., *Late Surgeon to the South Staffordshire General Hospital.*

33, Paradise Street, Birmingham, April 7, 1875.

MY DEAR BROWN,

I am glad to hear that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. I wish I could write anything which would induce the electors to think of you as I do. I cannot suppose that my opinion will have much weight, but being one of those under whom you have worked, and who have consequently a practical knowledge of your ability and professional acquirements, my opinion certainly merits some at-

tention. I believe that if you are placed in the Chair you will be an efficient and acceptable lecturer. If you think this letter can help you in this matter, use it as you like.

I remain,

My Dear Brown,

Yours very truly,

E. WYNNE THOMAS.

### XLIII.

*From* ROBERT HARVEY, Esq., M.B., &c., *Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London ; Surgeon, Bengal Army.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the skill and attainments of Dr. David Dyce Brown, M.A., whom I have known intimately for many years. His professional knowledge is varied and extensive, and he has always availed himself to the utmost of the large opportunities he has had of practical work. Obstetrics he has made a special study of, and in 1864 he succeeded me as Resident Surgeon-Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary, where the cases numbered hundreds yearly, and where he must have acquired a very perfect knowledge of Midwifery in all its branches.

ROBERT HARVEY.

April 7, 1875.

### XLIV.

*From* GEORGE CLIFTON, Esq., L.R.C.P.E., L.F.P.S.G., *Fellow Royal Hist. Soc.*

53, London Road, Leicester.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. Dyce Brown, as being one well fitted to fill the Midwifery Chair at Aberdeen University.

I have known him some time, and several assistants I have had have been pupils of his ; and, from the thorough knowledge they have of Obstetrical Practice, he must be a good teacher.

GEORGE CLIFTON.

April 7, 1875.



## XLV.

*From* STEPHEN YELDHAM, Esq., L.R.C.P.E., and M.R.C.S. Eng.,  
*Late Senior Surgeon to the Royal South London Dispensary,*  
*and Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Maternity Charity.*

Having known Dr. Dyce Brown for several years, I have great pleasure in expressing the very high opinion I have formed of his professional and scientific acquirements. Not only as an accomplished physician is he unusually well versed in his profession generally, but he has further distinguished himself by his original and valuable researches into the physiological and therapeutic action of medicines, and, as more distinctly qualifying him for the appointment he now seeks, he has always made Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children subjects of particular attention and study. Should he be elected to the Obstetric Chair of Aberdeen, he will thus bring to the office a mind stored with all the requisites for the discharge of its important duties in a manner that cannot fail to promote the interests of the students, and maintain the high reputation of the University.

STEPHEN YELDHAM.

10, Taviton Street, Gordon Square, London,  
 April 8, 1875.

## XLVI.

*From* JOHN DRYSDALE, Esq., M.D.

Rodney Street, Liverpool, 8th April, 1875.

I have followed for some years the writings of Dr. Dyce Brown of Aberdeen in the medical journals, and have always read them with great interest. I consider him one of the men who is in the van of medical progress, and extremely well qualified for the post to which he now aspires.

JOHN DRYSDALE.

## XLVII.

*From* A. CAMPBELL, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.S.E., *late Surgeon to*  
*the Royal Infirmary, Dundee.*

I have great pleasure in giving expression to the high opinion I

entertain of the acquirements of Dr. D. Dyce Brown. He has been intimately known to me since he was a student, and having had many opportunities of judging of his professional attainments, I have no hesitation in saying that I consider him well qualified to occupy the Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen University.

A. CAMPBELL.

3, Tay Street, Dundee, *April 7th*, 1875.

### XLVIII.

*From* WM. BRYCE, Esq., M.D.

31, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh,  
*8th April*, 1875.

Understanding that Dr. Dyce Brown is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in stating that I have a very high opinion of his talents and of his ability to fill, with credit to himself and to the advantage of those placed under his instruction, any appointment such as that he now seeks.

Dr. Brown possesses talent of a high order, and is a very thoroughly educated Physician. In his original investigations, Dr. Brown has proved himself a man of deep thought, accurate scientific research, and has great facility, as well as a clear method, of expressing himself.

Dr. Brown having made Midwifery a special subject of study, and having held an important appointment in England in connection with that department of Medicine, seems peculiarly qualified, both by theoretical knowledge and practical experience, to undertake the duties of the Chair now vacant.

WM. BRYCE.

### XLIX.

*From* THOMAS RAITT, Esq., M.D.

I esteem as an honour the present privilege of testifying to the high inherent worth, ability, and skill, of Dr D. Dyce Brown.

His able, concise, and telling lectures in *Materia Medica* will long be remembered by my fellow-students and myself, and the conscientious and kind manner he fulfilled all the duties connected with that and other offices has ever gained for him the confidence and respect of his pupils.

As an Obstetrician of the highest order his name is already justly esteemed by the profession generally, and I echo the sentiments of my fellow-students in saying, we should feel proud should Dr D. Dyce Brown be appointed to the vacant Chair of Midwifery at our "Alma Mater," feeling assured that the dignity and exalted position of our noble University would thus be maintained, if not increased, and another laurel added to the name of one of the ablest of her sons.

THOMAS RAITT.

Accrington, April 8, 1875.

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*From* R. A. IRNSIDE, Esq., M.B., C.M.

21, Queen's Road, Norwich, 8th April, 1875.

Having been a pupil under Dr. Dyce Brown for nearly two years, I have much pleasure in testifying to the great benefit I received from his teaching, and to the rapid progress I made whilst under his tuition; also to the very marked ability and earnestness with which he conducted my studies.

R. A. IRNSIDE.

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LI.

*From* WM. FRASER, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., *Medical Officer to the Aberdeen Dispensary.*

In testimony of my belief that Dr Dyce Brown is well qualified to fill the place of Professor of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Aberdeen, I may adduce the following facts that are within my knowledge :—

1st. He has had special training in Midwifery in one of the most celebrated Obstetric Schools and Lying-in Hospitals in this country.

2nd. He has had a large amount of successful employment in this branch of the profession since he commenced practice.

3rd. He has talent, energy, and a gentlemanly bearing. He is honourable and courteous in his conduct, popular among patients and students, and can readily communicate his knowledge and experience to others.

4th. He is of good social standing (and connections), equal to that of the position to which he aspires, and he has already been thought worthy to occupy the position of one of the Assistant Professors in the Aberdeen University.

WILLIAM FRASER.

32, Union Terrace, Aberdeen,  
8th April, 1875.



## LII.

*From* JOHN WOOD, Esq., M.R.C.S.

26, Bon-Accord Street, Aberdeen,  
8th April, 1875.

Understanding that Dr. David D. Brown is a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in stating that for several years he has paid much attention to this Branch of the Medical Art, that he is eminently qualified for the duties of the Chair, and would prove himself worthy of the confidence of the profession and the public.

JOHN WOOD.

## LIII.

*From* R. C. WILLOCK, Esq., M.D.

75, King Street,  
Aberdeen, 8th April, 1875.

Dr. D. Dyce Brown has been well known to me for the last seven or eight years, and I have much pleasure in stating that his attainments as a general practitioner are of a very high order, and I have reason to know that, in the department of Midwifery, to which he has devoted special attention, his superior acquirements and sound judgment will make him fill with credit any position to which he may be called in connection with that branch of our profession.

R. C. WILLOCK.

## LIV.

*From* JAMES MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

80, Chapel Street, Aberdeen,  
8th April, 1874.

I have known Dr. Dyce Brown during the whole period of his Medical career. At the University here he was a diligent and distinguished student. After graduation he was appointed Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary. Since then, while cultivating all the branches of Medical and Surgical science,

he has mainly devoted his attention to Obstetrics, to which his many valuable contributions to the Medical Journals bear ample testimony.

JAMES MURRAY.

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LV.

*From* T. H. BARTLEET, Esq., M.B., London, F.R.C.S., *Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham, and Joint Professor of Physiology in Queen's College.*

8, Old Square, Birmingham, *April 7, 1875.*

MY DEAR DR. BROWN,

Some years ago I had the pleasure of close association with you during the period you were Accoucheur to the Birmingham General Dispensary. At that time, beyond personal regard, I had a great respect for your Obstetric attainments, as well as for your professional enthusiasm. The correspondence I have had with you since, as well as the occasional meetings, and the study of your published work, assure me that you are now, as then, an earnest worker in the profession, and convince me that you are eminently well fitted for any important Obstetric appointment.

Very faithfully yours,

T. H. BARTLEET.

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LVI.

*From* EDWARD T. BLAKE, Esq., M.D.

Reigate, Surrey, May Park, *April 8, 1875.*

I have had the happiness to know Dr. Dyce Brown for some years. I feel much pleasure in bearing witness to his thorough acquaintance with Gynæcology, both applied and theoretic.

I consider that he has a singularly happy gift for imparting knowledge.

Of Dr. D. Brown's personal and professional character it is unnecessary for me to speak—both are too well known in a City, to which I consider him an ornament.

EDWARD T BLAKE.

## LVII.

*From* RICHARD THOMASON, ESQ., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., *late Hon.*  
*Surgeon to the Birmingham General Dispensary.*

45, Whittall Street, Birmingham,  
 April 9, 1875.

DEAR DR. BROWN,

I well remember being associated with you in cases of operative Midwifery during your residence at the Birmingham General Dispensary, an appointment in which you must have acquired a large amount of experience. I also remember how vigorously you prosecuted the study of that branch of the profession. I heartily wish you success in the aim you have in view, and I am sure that if elected to the Chair of Midwifery you will be the right man in the right place.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD THOMASON.

## LVIII.

*From* WM. YEATS, ESQ., M.D., C.M., *Sanitary, Parochial Medical*  
*Officer, and Factory Surgeon.*

Dr. Dyce Brown being a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Aberdeen, it gives me much pleasure to give my testimony in his favour.

During my attendance at the Aberdeen Dispensary I had the good fortune to be one of Dr. Brown's pupils; and, whilst in that capacity, I am able to state that Dr. Brown used every endeavour, and exercised the greatest patience, to render scientific instruction practically clear and interesting. Every case that presented itself was dealt with in a purely scientific manner, and gone through in every detail, and in such a way as to leave a useful and durable impression on the mind of the pupil.

In the branch of the science which Dr. Brown has made his special study, viz., Midwifery, along with the Diseases of Women and Children, the most valuable instruction was given; whilst I would take this opportunity of stating that the best practical lessons I have received on this subject were from Dr. Brown.

Further, so beneficial, and so highly estimated was Dr. Brown's tuition, that it was to me matter of much regret when the Dispensary course was over.

From a thorough knowledge of his tact, care, and success in teaching, and from the great practical advantages which I have derived from his teaching, more particularly in the specialty named, I would most emphatically state my opinion that no man is better qualified than Dr. Dyce Brown for the Midwifery Chair.

Possessed of great mental ability, of much practical experience, of untiring zeal, and natural shrewdness, along with excellent medical knowledge and learning in general, and in his specialty in particular; whilst, at the same time, his scholarly attainments, important contributions to the current Medical Literature, and his courtesy and kindness are equally remarkable, Dr. Brown could not be surpassed in his fitness for the vacant Chair of Midwifery, while, in my opinion, if chosen, he would prove an ornament to the University of Aberdeen.

Dr. Brown, my respected teacher, and esteemed friend, has my best and earnest wishes for his success.

WILLIAM YEATS.

Perth, 10th April, 1875.

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LIX.

*From* ALEXANDER REITH, Esq., M.D.

Aberdeen, 15, Skene Terrace, April 12, 1875.

I have known Dr. Dyce Brown for a number of years, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his enthusiasm in that branch of the profession for the Chair of which, I understand, he is now a Candidate; and I have no hesitation in stating that, from his professional knowledge, and practical experience of the subject, as also from his power of communicating instruction, he will form a valuable acquisition to our University.

ALEX. REITH.



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*From J. G. WILSON, Esq., M.D., F.F.P.S.G., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.,  
Fellow of the Obstetrical Societies of London, Edinburgh,  
and Dublin; Memb. Gynæcological Society, Boston, U.S.;  
Professor of Midwifery, Anderson's University, Glasgow;  
Physician-Accoucheur, Lying-in Hospital, Glasgow; Exa-  
miner in Midwifery to the Faculty of Physicians and Sur-  
geons of Glasgow.*

9, Woodside Crescent, Glasgow,  
10th April, 1875.

MY DEAR DR. DYCE BROWN,

Although I have already given a testimonial to another Candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery at Aberdeen, that must not prevent me from expressing the very high opinion which I have been led to form of your professional qualifications.

You have long devoted, with marked success, much attention to the study and practice of Obstetrics; and you have made several valuable contributions to this branch of Medical Science.

I think that, in all respects, you are eminently qualified for the important office to which you aspire.

I ever am,

Yrs. mo. truly,

J. G. WILSON.

